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Suit Accuses Anderson, Semnani of Conspiracy

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Envirocare of Utah President Khosrow Semnani and former Utah Radiation Control Director Larry F. Anderson were sued Monday for "unlawful, conspiratorial activity" that prevented a Tennessee company from accepting radioactive wastes at a southern Utah uranium mill.

Nuclear Fuel Services Inc. (NFS), whose offices are in Erwin, Tenn., filed suit in 3rd District Court seeking more than \$380 million in damages from Envirocare.

Semnani last year admitted to making secret payments of about \$600,000 to Anderson during an eight-year period beginning in 1987. The businessman claimed the money was extorted from him. Anderson said he had a valid consulting arrangement with Envirocare.

But NFS' lawsuit contends Semnani and Anderson were working together to assure Envirocare obtained all necessary permits, to limit enforcement action against the company and to "harass, threaten, intimidate and ultimately drive off any would-be competitor to Envirocare."

NFS was one of the companies that was driven off by the "Anderson-Semnani team," according to the lawsuit. The company wants to be compensated for

money it would have earned had it been treated in a fair and legal manner.

Anderson's attorney, James C. Haskins, declined to comment late Monday because he had not yet seen the lawsuit. However, he described NFS' previous complaints about alleged mistreatment by Anderson as a "joke."

Semnani's attorney, Gary A. Weston, was not available for comment.

NFS contends in 1987 it began investigating the purchase of the Shootaring Canyon uranium mill near Ticaboo in Garfield County. The mill was on standby after operating only several months before the price of uranium fell unexpectedly. NFS acquired the mill in 1989.

The company hoped to keep the operation alive by disposing uranium and thorium waste from other federal cleanup sites in the Utah mill's tailings pond. These wastes were "virtually indistinguishable" from the tailings already in the pond, said the lawsuit.

But the company's efforts were frustrated by Anderson, said the lawsuit, who "began a campaign of both overt and covert opposition" to the plan in order to protect Envirocare from possible competition.

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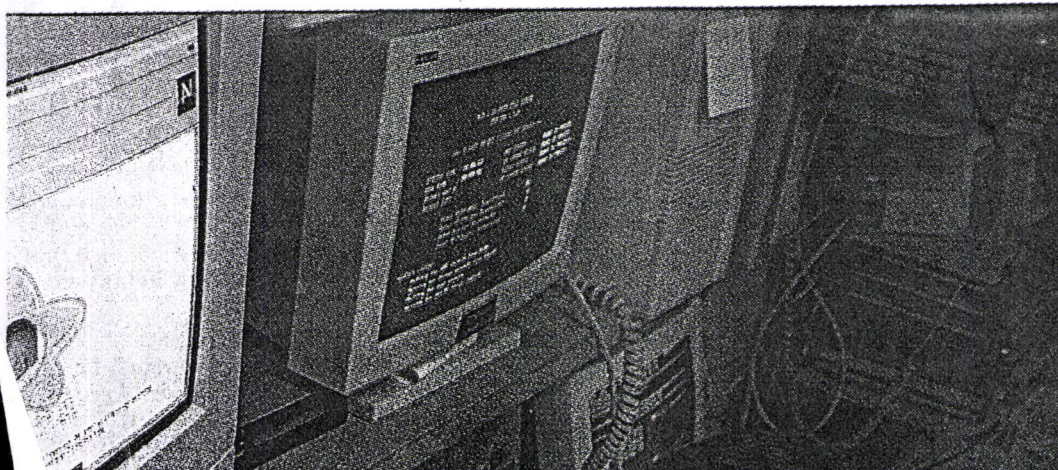
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Murder Conviction Is Upheld

Mistrial Was Sought
Because Juror Waffled

BY BRIAN MAFFLY

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

PROVO — A 4th District judge has upheld a jury's verdict convicting an American Fork youth of murder in an Aug. 25 shooting death — even though one of the

National Contest

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place a mousetrap in a dimly lighted area. After putting the device together, he tested it.

"It works," Nguyen said.

The 17-year-old has been fascinated by electronics since he entered high school, and he works after school as an electronics technician. His father, Thau, teaches jailed young offenders through Salt Lake City's Horizon Instruction and Training Center. His mother, Mary, is a tailor.

Firm Seeks Damages From Envirocare

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This led to NFS abandoning the disposal idea soon after acquiring the uranium mill.

According to state records, Envirocare did not apply for a license to accept the type of waste sought by NFS until Dec. 23, 1991 — two years after NFS abandoned its project. Envirocare's license was not approved until Nov. 30, 1993.

NFS' lawsuit acknowledges that Envirocare was not a viable competitor in the late 1980s, but

active in Murray High School Engineers Technical Society (JETS) and the Key Club service organization.

His physics teacher, Tony Romanello, is adviser to the JETS and invited Jason to enter the contest.

"I am a member of the National Science Teachers Association and knew Jason had taken electronics. So, I handed him an entry form. He did the rest," Romanello said, noting the contest is designed to encourage young inventors.

Does Jason see himself as a future inventor?

"Probably not. I cannot think of good ideas," he said. "It took me a long time to think of this one. But, if I had enough time . . ."

claims Anderson told others that Envirocare was the "preferred site" for the disposal of this waste and a license would be issued.

Those named in the lawsuit are Semnani, Envirocare, Anderson, and a consulting company formed by Anderson known as LaVicka, Inc. They are accused of restraint of trade, monopolization, conspiracy, and improper interference with NFS' business opportunity.

Officials at Colorado-based Umetco Minerals Inc. also have complained about attempts by Anderson and Semnani to block the disposal of radioactive wastes at uranium mills they owned in southeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado.

"We still have our attorneys looking at the entire Envirocare record," said Umetco General Manager Curtis Sealy. "We probably will be able to say something by mid-April."

Judge Sticks With Jury's Verdict

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crimes, including manslaughter, in deciding to convict him of murder on Jan. 21.

At the request of Heaps' court-appointed attorney, David Cundick, Judge Ray Harding Sr. polled each juror, asking if they concurred that Heaps was guilty of murder, which required proof of an intent to kill. One by one, they said "yes," until the judge got to the sixth juror, Carrie Burke, who said, "no," according to court filings.

After a pause, she said, "I con-

characterization of the incident.

"In no way did the court attempt to compel juror Burke into unanimity," Harding wrote. "Absent coercion by either the other jurors or the court, the juror's ultimate assent to the verdict cannot be considered grounds for a mistrial."

January's verdict brought howls of protest from Heaps' family, who says the boy went with the others to beat up Freitag.

After his guilt was pronounced, Heaps lost control and bailiffs had to restrain him.

"He just wanted to hug his mother, and these guys brutalized him in the courtroom," said Terry Hyde, Heaps' stepfather. "He got beat up in jail. He was falling apart. He was walking around on his bed, crying."

At 17, Heaps was the youngest of the seven men who drove to the Freitag home on Aug. 25. He was the only one who

preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1993. Va'Leen worked for many years with her husband, Paul's Ice Creams, Candy Palace. She loved to beautify her homes and gardens, but the treasures of her life were her grandchildren - Bryan, Ben, Dustin, Alyson and Nathan.

She is survived by daughter, Paula C. Palmer (Wain); five grandchildren; mother, Thelma; sister, Maurine Tomlin. Preceded in death by her husband and father.

Friends and family may call Wednesday, March 12, 1997, 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary, 4760 South State St. Private family graveside services to be held following visitation.

Dorothy J. Meranda

Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Dorothy J. Meranda, 65, of Lindon passed away Sunday, March 9, 1997.

She was born February 29, 1932 in Custer, South Dakota to Hebert T. and Ruth VanVleck Moore. She was raised in Custer, South Dakota and moved to American Fork when she was 12 years old. She graduated from American High School in 1950. She married Stephen Meranda, November 25, 1950 in Elko, Nevada. She worked for Coca-Cola for 21 years and retired in 1992. She loved to travel with her husband. Her passion was her family and devoted her life to ball games and family get-togethers. She is survived by her husband of Lindon; four sons, S. Dyke (Kim) Meranda, Santaquin; Michael (Patricia) Meranda, West Jordan; Daniel J. Meranda, Pleasant Grove; Todd A. (Lisa) Meranda, Orem; 10 grandchildren. Additional survivors include a brother, James H. Moore, Spokane, Washington.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 11 a.m. in the Olin Family Mortuary Chapel, 500 South 300 East, Pleasant Grove. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary and on Thursday one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the American Fork City Cemetery.

Inger Johansen

Inger Margrethe Bukke Johansen died March 9, 1997 of heart failure.

Born: 31 October 1920 in Aalborg, Denmark. Parents: Arnold Justus Bukke and Marie Balthersen, both deceased. Married: Christian Johansen 5 June 1945 in the Salt Lake Temple. Sister: Rita Bukke Bendixsen, deceased; brother: Arno Bukke, deceased; nieces: Brenda Bukke Coppa, Linda Bukke Frederickson; nephew: Steven Bendixsen.

Inger joined the LDS Church April 30, 1938 in Aalborg and emigrated with her family to Utah in March 1949. She fulfilled a Mission in Denmark and was the Mission Leader of the MIA in Denmark. She was a mission Secretary to the Mission President Alma Petersen from 1947-1949. She was a worker and supervisor at the Genealogical Society, now the Family History Library for 36 1/2 years in Salt Lake City. She was on the Park Stake Genealogical Board for 10 years and an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple for 24 years. She was the coordinator and trainer for the Park Stake and controlled the Extraction Program from 1979-1988. She was a gospel doctrine teacher for about 15 years and captain of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers camp in the LeGrand ward for 4 years. She also worked at the Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum and was at the same time a member of the International Board (3 years). She also taught classes at many genealogical seminars at BYU.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 11 a.m. in the LeGrand Ward, 1078 So. McClelland, Salt Lake City, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the services. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery under the direction of Larkin Mortuary.

Edith Ellen Jorgensen

MT. PLEASANT—Edith Ellen Jorgensen, 61, of Mt. Pleasant, wife of the late Keith Ray Jorgensen, passed away at her home with her children, Sunday, March 9, 1997.

Ellen was born February 3, 1936 in Fountain Green, Utah to Clark and Nita Cook. She married Keith Ray Jorgensen, January 21, 1955 in the Manti LDS Temple.

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His legal awards and numerous, including: R Award, Utah Judicial (dent, University of Utah); Utah State Bar; Advocates (Member Chapter, 1975-1976); de best personal injury law national publication, "The ca", 1987; Fellow: Intern Lawyers; American Co Named Trial Lawyer of tt Association, 1989; Mem Association; Awarded Award Utah Trial Lawyers

Among his greatest joy near heritage which gav ally, his family and "his t Utah and the Utah Jazz), order. He followed Unive beginning in his days as c when his father took him t to watch Utah's basketba gars. Watching "his team telic Conference champi family helped to ease hin

His light will shine on u night leading us to excel a as the Master whom he s ed.

He leaves his wife and three sons: JoLee Black t Black Johnson (Carl), Sus James Rothrock Black (J Black "Pete"(Karen), and W grandchildren include: Ste Quintero); Nicholas Wayne Kirsten Heaton; Michelle B Melissa Black; Matthew B Melinda Black; Eliza Roset bish; Travis Anderson; Rob Ashley DiAna; Brooke DiAn Ana; Hollie DiAna; Joey DiAn Dunn and Stacey Dunn; a daughter, Kalani Tabish, f brother and sister whom he Lythgoe Black and Mary Lou nieces and nephews were a was predeceased by his grandson, Anthony Parnell D

Funeral services will be held day, March 13, 1997 in the W ary Chapel, 3401 South Hig friends may call Wednesday p.m. and on Thursday from 10 to services. Interment: Wasat Park. In lieu of flowers, the fam tions to the University of Utah and to support the University Basketball teams and vote D

PRESTON, Idaho—Nathaniel died Sunday, March 9, 1997. It